Bolangir and Cuttack, remain without Food Corporation of India owned depot. The essential commodities for these districts are being stored in the nearest depots of the adjacent districts in the godowns hired from other Agencies and private parties.

Central Warehousing Corporation is operatin its 10 warehouses in 7 districts in the State of Orissa, namely Bargarh, Ganjam, Jeypore, Sa_ mbalpur, Jajpur Road, Cuttak and Khurda,

(b) Yes, Sir. Food Corporation of India has proposed to construct godowns at the following places.

During 1993-94, a capacity of 10,000 Metric Tonnes has been completed at Badampahar in revenue dis trict Mayurbhanj.

Centre	Revenue District
1. Rayagada	Rayagada
2. Attabira	Bargarh
3. Umeiri	Koraput
4. Kesinga	Kalahandi

it is not practical/economically vi. able to have pood Corporation of India owned godown in each revenue district. The construction of additional capacity is undertaken by Food Corpo*?.ltion of India keeping in v{ew the requirement and availability of suitable land/funds.

Stopping of rice procurement by FCI

7167. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have urged Food Corporation of India to stop procurement of rice; and

(b) if so, what measures Government intend to take to prevent farmers to Bell their additional production in distress?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAT): (a) Government have decided not to accept levy rice beyond the statutory limit in any of the States. However, in the case of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa which are having two distinct procurement seasons for paddy, it has been agreed to accept the levy levy ricein excess of statutory limit prescribed for a particular season to be adjusted in due course for the whole year.

(b) Paddy i_s being procured by the Food Corporation of India and State procuring agencies from farmers at Minimum Support Prices under price support scheme through 6237 purchase centres opened during kharif marketing season 1993-94. Government is continuously monitoring implementation of the price support scheme for rabi and kharif foodgrains and all efforts are made to ensure that farmers are not compelled to a pell their produce below the Minimum Support Price.

Effect of export of basmatl rice on price of foodgrains

7168. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether decision to export Basmati rice is in keeping with the general prescription Included in the structural adjustment programme;

(b) whether this decision will effect the price of Basmati; and

(c) if so, whether this will have a cascading effect on the price of other varieties of rice and other staple foodgrajns? ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAT): fa) to (c) OPEN-xport of Basmati rice has been al-lowed for the last many years. Export of Basmati rice provides[1] the

farmer an expanded market and he»ee; the possibility of higher prices. Continued export of Basmati rice will Hot have any adverse affect on the price of non-Basmati rice and other staple foodgrains since Bas-mati rice is not an item of mass consumption and the quantity exported is small compared to the total production of rice and other foodgrains in the country.

Rise in sugar production

7169. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether sugar production in the country will rise during the year 1994-95;%

(b) if s«, to what extent;

(c) whether during the current sugar session farmers have planted more sugarcane, at the sugarcane producing areas;

(d) if so, in which State the farmers have increased the sugarcane plantation; and

(e) what *Us* the target fixed for sugar during 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI); (a) and (b) Since sugar is a» agro-based industry depending upon the vagaries of weather no forecast can be made at this stage regarding production of sugar during 1994-95 season.

(e) and (d) Information on cane planting for 1984-95 has not become available so far.

(e) The Committee constituted to formultate the Development Programme for Sugar Industry for the Eighth Five Year Plan fixed a target of 134.13 lakh tonnes of production of sugar in the country for the 1994-95 sugar season. ,

मध्य प्रदेश में चीनी कारखानों की स्थापना करना

7170. **श्री गोविन्द राम मिरी** : क्या **खाद्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार मध्य प्रदेश स्थित रायगढ़ जिले के करमकेला विकास खण्ड और उसके आस-पास के क्षेत्रों में गन्ना उत्पादकों को ध्यान में रखते हुए, करमकेला में कोई चीनी का कारखाना स्थापित करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसमें अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है ; और यह कब तक पूरा कर लिया जाएगा तथा इस पर कितनी लागत आएगी ; और

(ग) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के अन्य क्षेत्रों में चीनी के नए कारखाने स्थापित करने की कोई योजना है; यदि हां, तो उनके स्थान तथा लागत का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्प नाथ राय) : (क) मध्य प्रदेश के रायगढ़ जिले में करमकेला में एक नई चीनी फैक्ट्री की स्थापना के लिए औद्योगिक विकास विभाग के माध्यम से कोई आवेदन-पत्र प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

(ग) चीनी वर्ष 1993–94 के दौरान 31–3–1994 तक मध्य प्रदेश में नई चीनी फैक्ट्रियों की स्थापना के लिए दो आशय-पत्र प्रदान किए गए हैं जिनका विवरण नीचे दिया गया है :—

क्रम संख्या	स्थान	आवेदक द्वारा दी गई सूचना के अनुसार अनुसार परियोजना की अनुमानित लागत
1.	बेतुल, जिला बेतुल	25.00 करोड़ रुपये
2.	सालावाड, तहसील बरवाहा, जिला खरगोन	30.00 करोड़ रुपये